(c) SAI is establishing a Sub-centre at Lucknow. This Sub-centre will provide opportunity of sports training to upcoming sportspersons from the entire State of Uttar Pradesh including players' from rural areas. The sports facilities at this Sub-centre will be play fields (for hockey, volleyball, basketball, kabaddi and football), Swimming Pool, Cinder Atheletic Track and a multi-purpose hall (for badminton, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, taekwondo and weightlifting).

Modernisation of Madarsas and Maktabas

*175. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme of the modernization of 'Madarsas' and 'Maktabas' is being implemented since 1993-94, as a Central Scheme;

(b) if so, the main objectives of the scheme; and

(c) the assistance provided to State Government under the scheme since its inception, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since 1993-94, the Central Government has been implementing a scheme of Financial Assistance for Modernization of Madrasa Education. Its objective is to encourage traditional institutions like Madrasas and Maktabs to teach modern subjects such as Science, Maths, English, Hindi and Social Studies alongside the traditional curriculum. Under the scheme, salary of 2 teachers for Madrasa is provided to teach modern subjects, besides one-time grants for purchase of Science and Maths kits and for book-bank for strengthening of libraries. From the Tenth Plan, it has been merged in the unified scheme of Area Intensive and Madrasa Modernization Programme.

(c) The assistance provided to State Governments under the scheme since 1993-94 is as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1993-94	3.04
1994-95	18.99
1995-96	120.07
1996-97	241.15
1997-98	173.26
1998-99	673.85
1999-2000	460.76
2001-01	661.11
2001-02	201.08
2002-03	539.11

Environment protection

*176 SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before Government to make corporates more responsive towards environment protection;

(b) if so, the details of such proposal; and

(c) what steps the Government are taking or propose to take to make corporate bodies adopt environmental audit and management system which helps in achieving the goal of sustainable development?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken initiatives for making Corporates more responsible towards environment protection. After a series of interactive meets with major industrial sectors, a Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection has been released in March, 2003. Adoption of cleaner technologies, improved environmental management, re-use